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SUBJ: FORMER PRIME MINISTER HANG THUN HAK TO HEAD GKR DELEGATION
TO WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

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1. GKR FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS US THAT THE GKR WILL SEND DELEGATION TO THE UN-SPONSORED BUCHAREST WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER HANG THUN HAK WHO CONTINUES TO BE A LEADING MEMBER OF THE RULING SOCIO-REPUBLICAN PARTY AND IS NOW AN ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT LON NOL. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HAVE NOT YET BEEN SELECTED, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL BE INCLUDED.

2. THE SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL OF HANG THUN HAK'S POLITICAL BACKGROUND AND STATURE TO HEAD THE GKR'S DELEGATION IS NOT EXPLAINED BY THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE GIVEN THE FACT THAT IF CAMBODIA HAS A PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO POPULATION, IT IS ONE OF INSUFFICIENT PEOPLE TO EXPLOIT ITS AGRI-CULTURAL POTENTIAL AND PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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3. THE GKR WILL, OF COURSE, WANT TO HAVE A DELEGATION IN PLACE IN THE EVENT A CHALLENGE TO ITS RIGHT TO REPRESENT CAMBODIA IS MOUNTED BY THIRD WORLD SUPPORTERS OF GRUNK/FUNK. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT HANG THUN HAK'S PRIMARY MISSION AT BUCHAREST WILL BE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE GKR'S JULY 9 PEACE PROPOSAL TO THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND PERHAPS REQUEST ITS ASSISTANCE IN OPENING UP A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE KHMER OF THE OTHER SIDE. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT HANG THUN HAK WAS SENT TO PARIS LAST YEAR IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFOR TO DEVELOP CONTACT WITH GRUNK REPRESENTATIVES THERE.

4. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THIS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY BUCHAREST MAY HAVE RECEIVED REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHALLENGE TO THE GKR SEAT AT THE CONFERENCE.
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